

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 24, lines 13-22 with the following:

As noted above, in the lancing unit U1 and the lancing apparatus A1, the mounting of the lancet to the lancet holder 5, the separation of the cap 29 from the lancet 2, the mounting of the sensor holder 3 to the holding portion 6, the separation of the cap 29 from the lancet holder ~~[[3]]~~ 5, and the latching of the latch member 59 can be performed just by fitting the case 1 around the sleeve 40a by sliding the case by an appropriate amount and then pulling out the case, which is convenient. Since the cap 29 is kept fixed to the case 1, these parts can be easily disposed of.